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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ERIK TORRES,

Defendant.

No. 1:23-CR-00240-JLT

**MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA
APPOINTMENT OF ERIC V. KERSTEN
AS ATTORNEY OF RECORD**

On December 6, 2024, a Probation Form 12C petition and order charging Defendant Erik Torres with violating his conditions of supervised release was signed. CJA Panel Attorney Eric V. Kersten was appointed as trial counsel to represent Mr. Torres on January 24, 2025 in his criminal case. Mr. Torres admitted violating his conditions of release and was sentenced on March 31, 2025. The time for filing a direct appeal was April 16, 2025. No direct appeal was filed. Mr. Torres was in custody at sentencing. The trial phase of Mr. Torres's criminal case has, therefore, come to an end. Having completed his representation of Mr. Torres, CJA attorney Eric V. Kersten now moves to terminate his appointment under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Mr. Torres require further legal assistance he has been advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street,

Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721, or by phone at (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free), which, if appropriate, will arrange for the re-appointment of counsel to assist him/her.

Dated: June 23, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric V. Kersten

ERIC V. KERSTEN

Attorney for Defendant

Erik Torres

ORDER

Having reviewed the notice and found that attorney Eric V. Kersten has completed the services for which he was appointed, the Court hereby grants attorney Kersten's request for leave to withdraw as defense counsel in this matter. Should Defendant seek further legal assistance, Defendant is advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721. The phone number for the office is (559) 487-5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for the reappointment of counsel to assist Defendant.

The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Defendant Erik Torres at the following address and to update the docket to reflect Defendant's pro se status and contact information.

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P.O. BOX 420
FAIRTON, NJ 08320

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 23, 2025


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE